

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 9-12 and 14-20 remain pending in the present application.

Each of the present independent claims 9, 11, 19 and 20 includes a limitation that is not disclosed by, nor made obvious in view of, the prior art.

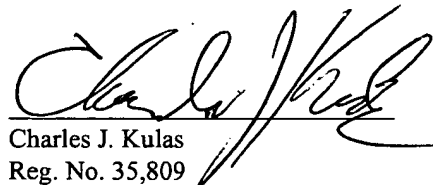
Although Harada discusses "environment setting" (e.g., at col. 1, line 66) these are settings for an "application program environment" and not an "application program," itself. This is distinct from settings or parameters that describe the application program, itself, which is the subject of the present invention. Harada's "application program environment" can be, e.g., an "operating system" such as UNIX. Harada at col. 1, line 32-33. "The operating system controls the computer hardware, and manages resources and/or data needed to execute the application program and/or data." Harada at col. 1, lines 15-17 (emphasis added).

Applicant has amended the claims to make the distinction between settings or parameters that describe the application program, itself, as opposed to the "application program environment," or operating system.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-279-5098.

Respectfully submitted,

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